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Chapter ____ Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 27 February to 2 March 2007. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

2. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman made an opening statement in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of Finland, China, South Africa, Hungary, Jamaica, Germany and Canada.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2007/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 27 February 2007, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:



Chairperson: Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)
Vice-Chairpersons: Heli Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland)
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)
Xie Fuzhan (China)
Rapporteur: Peter Pukli (Hungary)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2007/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
 - (a) Programme review: education statistics;
 - (b) Population and housing censuses;
 - (c) Disability measurement;
 - (d) Information and communication technology (ICT) statistics;
 - (e) Agricultural statistics;
 - (f) National accounts;
 - (g) Integrated economic statistics;
 - (h) Environmental accounting;
 - (i) International economic and social classifications;
 - (j) Management issues in national statistical offices: access to microdata;
 - (k) Development indicators;
 - (l) Statistical capacity-building;
 - (m) International Comparison Programme.
4. Items for information:
 - (a) Migration statistics;
 - (b) Health statistics;
 - (c) Industrial statistics;
 - (d) Distributive-trade statistics;
 - (e) Energy statistics;
 - (f) Finance statistics;
 - (g) Price statistics;
 - (h) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

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- (i) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
 - (j) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions.
- 5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).
 - 6. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission.
 - 7. Report of the Commission on its thirty-eighth session.
6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2007/L.1), as orally amended.
7. At the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at the thirty-eighth session: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, European Central Bank, Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries.

E. Documentation

8. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-eighth session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.
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